

**Non Working of Monitoring and Vigilance Committees
as per Guidelines**

1611. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Monitoring and Vigilance Committees at all levels are not working, as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to absence of action by the Monitoring and Vigilance Committee; rampant corruption is taking place in rural development works, leading to total failure of the programme; and

(c) if so, what are Government's steps to checks the corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The State and District level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees (V&MCs) were reconstituted in October, 2004. After reconstitution of these Committees, as per reports received from the States and Districts, the number of District level V&MC meeting held since then are as follows:

District level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee Meetings

Year	No. of Meeting
2004-05 (Oct. March)	132
2005-06	472
2006-07 (up to Nov. 06)	272

Further, 19 States have organised 36 meeting of the State level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee since October, 2004.

In addition of Vigilance and Monitoring Committees at the State/ District Levels with greater involvements of Members of Parliament for supervision on implementation of Rural Development Programmes, the Ministry of Rural Development has put in place a comprehensive multi-level and multi-tools system of monitoring and evaluation with a view to ensure that funds allotted are properly utilized. These are; Periodical Progress Reports, Performance Review Committee meeting, Area Officer's Scheme, National Level Monitors to monitor quality of work, adherence to programme guidelines and Monthly Progress Reports of Rural Development programmes through on-line system. The State Governments have also been advised to adopt a five-pronged strategy consisting of (i) creation of awareness about the schemes, (ii) transparency, (iii) people's participation, (iv) accountability — social audit through Gram Sabha and (v) strict vigilance and monitoring of all schemes. All these steps have helped in effective implementation of Rural Development Programmes and also to check corruption.

House in floods affected areas in A.P. under IAY

1612. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from the Andhra Pradesh Government has been received in this Ministry for construction of houses under Indira Awas Yojana due to recent floods and incessant rains;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) what action the Ministry has taken on the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL) : (a) to (c) A request for sanction of additional 4 lakh houses under IAY for providing permanent shelter to the BPL households whose houses have been damaged in the recent floods in the Andhra Pradesh, has been received in this Ministry.